

Minutes of a Meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on Monday, January 13th, 2020 at 8:45am at Wydown Middle School.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Allie Rossini, Co-President, Tanya Hayden, Treasurer and Tanya Vedantham, Co-Secretary.

The following members were also present: Jeffrey Lewis, Emily Zou, Jilanne Barnes. Laura Pierson, Gary Pierson, Dmitri Kabargin and Asa Wild.

Jamie Jordan, WMS Principal, was present. Assistant Principals Doug Wehner and Tarita Rhimes were also present.

Allie welcomed members of the PTO and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 18th, 2019 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report presented Tanya Hayden

As of January 12, 2020, the Wydown PTO has \$61,456.10 in the bank.

Notable financial activity since November 18 meeting:

Revenue:

- * \$1,240 in Funds for Excellence donations
- * \$150 in food pantry donations
- * \$507 raised at Evereve event on November 7

Expenses:

- * \$2,085 for teacher/staff luncheon on December 19, catered by Anthonino's Taverna
- * \$2,000 for Parents Night Out at Kingside Dinner on January 10, 2020 (to be partially offset by \$500 sponsorship from Arch Orthodontics and Dale Avenue Pediatrics)
- * \$500 for PTO Council dues (pays for insurance, tax preparation, QuickBooks)
- * \$375 contribution towards choreographer fee for spring musical (approved at September PTO meeting)
- * \$250 for photo booth at Winter Fest

Vote on increasing support for Student Council events

- There has been a proposal to increase PTO's financial contribution to Student Council events from \$500 to \$1,000. Funds could be used for Winter Fest and/or Spring Fling.
 - Motivation is to support all-school events now that PTO is no longer doing Wydown Extra events.
 - Additional \$500 would come from net revenue from Wydown Extra this year and last year.
- *This was voted on and passed

Other Treasurer activities:

- Tax letters are being sent out to parents and other donors for contributions made in 2019. All letters will be sent out by January 31.
- Preparing Wydown PTO records to support preparation of PTO Council's tax return.

President's Report: Allie Rossini

Recap of Events:

- Winter Fun Fest: 225 students attended and had a wonderful time.
- Parent's Night Out: About 100 parents attended this event that was held the evening of Friday, January 10, 2020 at Kingside Dinner on Brentwood Boulevard. Everyone had a great time.

Upcoming Events:

- Insight Night :
Insight Night is a night for parents and guardians featuring small group discussions with popular topics that affect middle school students and families. Topics will include alcohol, drug, and vaping abuse, anxiety and depression, social media, school transitions, etc.
*Event will be held on Thursday, February 20 at 6:00p at WMS
- Spring Fling will be held in conjunction with Student Council. More info to come.

Principal's Report: Dr. Jamie Jordan

Department Chairs will be visiting 2 schools in San Diego to work on personalization, design thinking and where to go in the future.

Accountability walk throughs will be taking place this week. This looks at how well professional learning is being implemented into the classroom. Classroom data is taken on engagement, questioning and teacher talking vs. student talking.

8th grade students will visit Clayton High School for transition day on January 17th 2020.

5th grade transition night is January 21st at WMS.

WEB Leaders: "Where Everybody Belongs" is an 8th grade student leadership organization. 7th graders can apply to be WEB leaders so be on the lookout for more information.

The WMS Black Student Union is partnering with the BSU at Clayton High School to put on a Black History Month celebration at CHS on February 29th at 10am in the high school auditorium.

New Business:

- Character and Cultural Committee is a group that developed and works on bringing everyone on board with the "Wydown Ways"- perseverance, compassion, integrity and respect. The goal is to try to get parents involved so that there is a school and parental message being delivered simultaneously. The CCC is looking for a parent representative to help with the transfer of information.
- School Supply Boxes - There is an option for home delivery of these boxes. The school needs to decide as a whole if these boxes get delivered at home or to the school.

Old Business:

Ideas for getting info out regarding events are always welcome. A current suggestion is having the grade level reps create a “Remind” group and info being sent through that.

The next PTO meeting will be at Wydown on the evening of February 10th at 6p.

Respectfully submitted.

Tanya Vedantham